



# Alternate Channel

*The newsletter for and about the members of the*  
**LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM**

**APRIL 2002**



## **Fire & Rescue Personnel Receive Valor Awards**

*Front Row (left to right):* Nicholas Croce, Co.8 - Lifesaving Award; Richard Gardner, Co. 8 - Lifesaving Award; Christopher Gay, LCFRS - Lifesaving Award; Bev Tate, LCSO - Meritorious Action Award (Volunteer with Co.3)

*Back Row (left to right):* Patrick Brandenburg, LCFRS - Meritorious Action Award; Kevin Stiles, LCFRS — Silver Medal of Valor; Michael Boub, LCFRS - Lifesaving Award; Byron Andrews, Co.15—Silver Medal of Valor

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### **Company Reporters:**

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Co.12 Greg Dailey  
Co.13 Amy Harper  
Co.14 Sue Johnson  
Co.15 Wilma Grant  
Co.16 Jim Dunagin  
Co.17 Rodney Krone, Jr.

## **Loudoun Chamber of Commerce Presents Valor Awards To Celebrate Heroic Acts**

The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with local public safety agencies, held its 2002 Valor Awards on Wednesday, March 20th. The event honored the public safety officials, volunteers and citizens for acts of bravery above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to recognizing these individuals with special plaques and medals, each was presented with an American flag in commemoration of their fallen September 11th comrades.

"These men and women put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe," observed Randy Collins, President of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, "Their dedication and service to Loudoun is at the core of the community. September 11th just reinforced the heroism of these individuals."

The annual event was held at The Leesburg Holiday Inn at Historic Carradoc Hall and drew more than 200 guests. Sponsors of the event included America Online, Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, NOVEC, Sam's Club and Washington Gas. Dave Statter, Reporter with 9 Eyewitness News, was the keynote speaker at the event.

**Byron Andrews** of the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Company and **Kevin Stiles** of the Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Services were awarded the **Silver Medal of Valor** in recognition their 2.5 hour rescue of an injured patient from a high tower on a very cold and windy day in November of 2000. This act involved significant personal risk and bravery beyond which is normally expected in the performance of duty.

**Richard Gardner** and **Nicholas Croce**, both of the Philomont Volunteer Fire Company, were presented **Lifesaving Awards** for their March 2001 water rescue of a 67 year old male trapped in an overflow drain of a pond in Philomont.

**Christopher Gay** and **Michael Boub**, both of the Loudoun County Department of Fire-Rescue Services, were presented **Lifesaving Awards** for their July 2001 rescue of residents, to include a

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## **ANNUAL FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2002**

**6:00 P.M. RECEPTION    7:00 P.M. DINNER  
HOLIDAY INN/CARRADOC HALL, LEESBURG**

*Cash Bar*

***RSVP by May 10 COB at 703-777-0568***

## Ashburn's Command 6

By Mike Sanders – Station 6

The Ashburn Fire and Rescue Department recently placed into service a unique command vehicle with the radio designation of "Command 6". Command 6 might look like your common command vehicle when first looking at the truck, but when you open the doors, you will immediately notice the well thought out design by the equipment committee from Station 6.

Command 6 is a 2001 Ford Excursion 4x4 diesel that was sent to Excellence in Alabama to be built and outfitted. The Excellence name might be familiar to you...they primarily build ambulance bodies, and in fact, Ashburn currently runs three ambulances built by Excellence on Ford chassis.

The most interesting feature about Command 6 is when you open the rear doors; a fully retractable shelf can be pulled out a total of six feet behind the vehicle. This shelf has an air suspension leveling system and allows for numerous command activities to be performed. Some of the features of the pull out shelf include:

- A laptop computer.
- Two monitors/VCR's. Ashburn's thermal imaging cameras can be relayed to the monitors for command officers to see exactly what firefighters are seeing.
- Four Work Stations – a COG command, accountability, and two all-purpose areas (PIO, etc.). Each area has a white

board, lighting, filing cabinet, and telephone port.

- Three clocks that are multi functional, including a PAR check timer.
- Cellular phone (there are a total of three cell phones on the unit).

Another cabinet just behind the driver and passenger hold a variety of gear and tools. Included in this cabinet are a printer/fax/copier machine ready for immediate use, a SCOTT pack, EMS gear, and a folded up 10 x 15 tent labeled "Ashburn Fire & Rescue – Command 6", complete with its own lighting.

Finally, if you hear Com-

mand 6 responding in an emergency situation, it might just sound like a fire truck...that's because of the electronic federal Q siren that is a part of the lights and siren package on Command 6.

To round out the Excellence package of vehicles at Station 6, a new EMS response vehicle has also been completed by Excellence and built on a Ford Explorer.

Nice job to the members of Ashburn's Equipment Committee for designing a usable and practical vehicle for handling the important command functions at an emergency scene.



*The new Command 6.*

The Philomont V. F. D. has a new web page established by member Rick Pearsall. The page has many interesting links, including a members link where we can send information to each member.

Those interested can take a look at the page at [www.philomontvfd.org](http://www.philomontvfd.org).

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## Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Companies 13 & 17	<b>2</b> Company 15	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Company 14	<b>6</b> Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	<b>7</b> <b>Fire-Rescue Commission</b>	<b>8</b> Company 10 <b>Retention &amp; Recruitment</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Companies 2,7,8,9,12 <b>BLS Committee</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Rescue Chiefs</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Fire Council</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Fire-Rescue Service Awards Banquet</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Company 1 <b>ALS Committee</b>	<b>21</b> <b>EMS Council</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Peer Review Committee</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Companies 4 & 8	<b>28</b> <b>Fire-Rescue Commission Workshop</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## SCHEDULED FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING

### AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #3-May 19, 2002

Class #4-July 20, 2002

Class #5-August 18, 2002

Class #6-October 19, 2002

Class #7-December 8, 2002

### April 1-4, 2002:

Hazardous Materials: Operations

### April 3, 2002:

Hazardous Materials: Operations

### April 14, 2002:

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety

### April 20-21, 2002:

HTR Vehicle Extrication

### Ashburn Co. # 6

### Pancake Breakfast

**April 6, 2002**

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

\$6.00 Ages 9 thru 64

\$3.00 Ages 2 thru 8

\$5.00 Ages 65 and up

### Basket Bingo

**April 20, 2002**

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Games Begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Come join the fun!*

### Lucketts Co. #10

### Annual Machinery Consignment Auction

**Saturday, April 6, 2002**

**9:00 a.m.**

Macaria Farm

Route 15 North of Leesburg

Contacts:

Bud Greenfield 703-777-3201

Jimmy Goss 703-777-1363

### Basket Bingo

**Friday, April 12, 2002**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Come on out and join us!**



## **Company 4 News:**

Round Hill has taken delivery of a new 2002 Ford Expedition. This vehicle will be equipped as a response vehicle for the Advanced Life Support providers in Company 4.

Our Company Officers for 2002 are:

President Fenton Simpson  
Vice President Vince Chirichella  
Secretary Raylene Scott  
Treasurer Betty Dodge  
Fire Chief Jim Cunningham  
Asst. Fire Chief Gene Thomas  
Fire Captain Andrew Murtaugh  
Fire Engineer James Badin  
Rescue Chief Janet Maurer  
Asst. Rescue Chief Cyndi Vest  
Rescue Captain Jack Frear  
Rescue Lieutenant Lee Davis  
Rescue Engineer Andrew Murtaugh

Congratulations to 2001 Member of the Year-Cyndi Vest; Firefighter of the Year-Bill Greene; and Rescue Member of the Year- James Badin.

One of our main fundraisers continues to be our Thursday night Bingos. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. The kitchen is also open each week with lots of good food. Com on out one Thursday night and join us for an evening of fun and a chance to win up to \$1,000.

Congratulations to Cat Ippolito for her selection to attend training as a Loudoun County career firefighter. Also congratulations to Janet Maurer for being hired as a dispatcher for Fire and Rescue Services.

*Submitted by Betty Dodge, Co. 4*

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mother and baby, from an apartment fire in Manassas Park. They had just completed an exam at the Prince William Fire Academy and were returning to Loudoun County when they discovered the apartment fire.

**Patrick Brandenburg** was presented the **Meritorious Action Award** for forcing his way through the civil war reenactment crowds in August 2001 to reach and treat approximately 30 attendees and for his resuscitation of a 22 year old male patient who had stopped breathing.

**Sgt. Beverly Tate** of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (and a fire-rescue volunteer with the Middleburg Volunteer Fire-Rescue Company # 3) received the Meritorious Action Award for her part in taking custody of female subject while avoiding injury to the subject and the law enforcement team.

Other award winners included Sgt. Gregory Brown, Lt. Allen Gabrielli, Deputy Linda Ladenberg, DFC Matthew Powell, FDS Raymond Sullivan and Sgt. Beverly Tate, all of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department, and Sgt. John Scott Ebersole, Officer Paul Holzerland and Officer Jason Shatarsky USCS, all of the Leesburg Police Department.

**Congratulations to all our hero's!**

### **CUSTOM BUILT MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE**

- **Only 2000 raffle tickets at \$50.00 Each**
- **See any Loudoun Rescue Company 13 member to purchase a ticket.**
- **Drawing May 31, 2002**



## Recruit Class #6

Loudoun County's recruit class # 6 started a grueling 20-week school on January 31, 2002. This class has 21 recruits in it. They are scheduled to graduate on June 21, 2002 at Harper Park Middle School. Between now and then they will endure many hours of physical fitness training, Emergency Medical and Fire Training.

This recruit school was lengthened by two weeks because it is the first class where training prerequisites were not mandatory. There are a few recruits in this class that does not have either Emergency Medical Technician or Firefighter 1 training. Also included in this class will be the HTR Rope Rescue 1 class. As of this writing the recruits are just getting started into the E.M.T. curriculum which is being managed by Captain Hale.

The recruits recently had a daylong visit to Arcola Fire Station 9 where they endured over 6 hours of S.C.B.A. training. Captain Corder, and his crew at Station 9, assisted with this training and did a very good job. The recruits were able to utilize the Arcola maze as well.

The training staff of this recruit school consists of Captain Anderson, Lieutenant Bailey and Firefighter Martin. Firefighter Stonesifer, who works for Captain Moline, also assists with recruit training.

Here is the names and where Recruit Class # 6 comes from.  
Jeremy Adcock-Frederick Md.  
Richard Bonney-Warrenton Va.  
Nathan Demaree-Warrenton Va.  
William Devers-Boyce Va.  
Steve Eby-Maugansville Md.

Tom Frazier-Strasburg Va.  
Bernie Gottholm-Walkersville Md.  
G.G. Gregg-Purcellville Va.  
Tom Hamilton-Brunswick Md.  
David Herman-Annapolis Md.  
Adam Hopkins-Hagerstown Md.  
Catherine Ippolito-Round Hill Va.  
Alex Keepers-Frederick Md.  
Patti McVay-Purcellville Va.  
Matt Murphy-Manassas Va.  
Ray Muth, Jr.-Purcellville Va.  
Christopher Payne-Madison Va.  
Nathan Smith-Bethesda Md.  
Todd Smith-Myersville Md.  
Todd Webber-Knoxville Md.  
Spencer Wells-Purcellville Va.

## Brown Hits Hole-In-One

Jay Brown, a 15-year-old high school freshman from Ashburn, and the son of Deputy Chief Jay J. Brown of the Department of Fire-Rescue Services, scored a hole-in-one on March 9 at Raspberry Falls Golf Course in Leesburg.

Brown, who plays high school golf for Park View High School, eagled the 138-yard fifth hole with a six iron while it was raining and the wind was blowing straight in his face. The ball hit the green once and rolled right into the cup.

*Congratulations Jay!*



*Left to Right - Front Row:*

David Herman, Richard Bonney, Catherine Ippolito, Patti McVay, Matt Murphy, and Ray Muth, Jr.

*2nd Row:*

Nathan Smith, Adam Hopkins, Nathan Demaree, Bernie Gottholm, G.G. Gregg, and Todd Webber.

*3rd Row:*

Jeremy Adcock, Spencer Wells, Steve Eby, Chris Payne, Alex Keepers, Todd Smith, Tom Frazier, and Tom Hamilton.



## **Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Co. #13 Wins Vehicle**

On Friday, February 22, the Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Squad (Company #13) added a new vehicle to their fleet, a 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. The jeep, which was won in a contest sponsored by Moore Medical Corporation, will be used by the Rescue Squad to help serve the citizens of their community.

Between October 10, 2001 and December 5, 2001, Moore Medical Corporation sponsored the "Ride the Web" contest that encouraged customers to use their on-line service for ordering medical equipment and supplies. For every purchase made on-line, the customer was automatically entered into the sweepstakes.

Volunteer Dave Beatty, who was responsible for ordering supplies for the rescue squad, saw an excellent opportunity to streamline the emergency medical supply ordering process significantly and took advantage of the new service being offered by Moore Medical Corporation. Beatty would soon learn that his efforts would benefit the rescue company in a number of ways.

In early January 2002, Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Co. #13 was notified that they were one of the finalists for the grand prize. On February 4, 2002, Ron Flormann, Director of Strategic Programs; Peter Yates, Director of Marketing; and Mark Florence, Vice-President of Marketing at Moore Medical Corporation contacted Beatty informing him that Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Company #13 had

been selected as the Grand Prize winner of the Moore Medical "Ride the Web" Sweepstakes.

On Friday, February 22, at 10:00 AM, Peter Yates, EMS Market Director for Moore Medical Corporation and Tim Conlin, Electronic Media Specialist for Moore Medical Corporation, presented to Loudoun Rescue their new 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo and congratulated them for winning the "Ride the Web" sweepstakes. The presentation took place at the Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Squad located at 143 Catoctin Circle, S.E. in Leesburg.

"Words cannot express how grateful we are to Moore Medical for choosing Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Company #13 as the grand prize winner in the "Ride the Web" Sweepstakes. The Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo will be used on a daily basis to help serve our community."



The 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo won by Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad through the "Ride the Web" contest sponsored by the Moore Medical Corporation.

### **Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Commission**

**Doug Rambo, Chairman; Bill Schwartz, Vice Chairman;  
Jack Merritt, Treasurer**

**Robert Dryden, Karen Wenner, James Csizmadia, Allie Love, Ray Muth**

**Bob Griffin, Chief, Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue  
Service**

**Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Medical Director  
Leo Kelly, EMS Advisory Council Chair  
Mickey Buchanan, Fire Council Chair**

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## New Information

If you have an injury due to performing fire-rescue duties and you go to obtain medical care, you need to inform the registration personnel at the health care facility the following information:

- That your injury is a result of performing your fire-rescue duties, therefore the bill for your care will be paid for by the County of Loudoun Worker's Compensation.
- The bill should be mailed to:  
**Landin, Inc.**  
**4912 Augusta Avenue**  
**Richmond, Virginia 23226**  
**Attn: Loretta deCheubel**

We are still experiencing some billing problems, but if you relay this information to the health care provider, you should not receive a bill.

Do not forget to complete an injury report and forward to the Fire-Rescue Training Center. The Employer's First Report of Accident form for career personnel and the Volunteer's Initial Claim form for volunteer personnel.

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## CAD Streets (February 2002)

### Beacon Hill, Co.1/Co.13 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area:

Alysheba Dr  
Cannonade Dr  
Count Turf Pl

### Belmont, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Princeville Ct Stanford Hall Pl

### Coton Commons, Co.6 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Spring Cellar Ct

### Courts of St Francis in Purcellville, Co.2/Co.14 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Amalfi Ct Desales Dr Positano Ct Ravello Ct

### Courtland Square in Purcellville, Co.2/Co.14 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Gentlewood Sq Stonemason Pl

### Estates of Forest Ridge, Co.9

### 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Forest Crest Ct Forest Run Dr Pine Ridge Ct Pine Top Ct

### Lenah Run, Co.7/Ambulance 9 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Amber Oak Ln Glen Meadow Pl Heather Hill Pl Lenah Woods Pl Pleasant Ridge Pl Shady Knoll Ci Windcroft Ln

### St Louis Area, Co.3 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: Whiskey Hill Ln

### Wind Fields Farm, Co.7/ Ambulance 3 1<sup>st</sup> Due Area: **Wind Fields Ln (was formerly named Windfields Service Ln)**

### Street name changes: **De Sales Ct has been changed to Desales Dr.**

### **Macallister Dr SE has been changed to Macalister Dr SE.**

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